

PIF Improves Husky to Support War Fighter

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (Jun 16, 2010) — The Prototype Integration Facility workforce, known around the world for its total focus and dedication in supporting America's War Fighters, is fully engaged in the Vehicle Mounted Mine Detection Husky System Improvements Program soon to be deployed to Afghanistan.

The Husky, an integral part of the Route Clearance Patrol Team, is designed to detect and identify Improvised Explosive Devices, provide defense capability with the Remote Weapon Station, provide early IED detection

with the front mounted Ground Penetrating Radar, and provide maximum crew protection.

Having signed Joint Urgent Operational Need Statement Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison, Deputy Director for Requirements, J8, Joint Staff, recently paid a visit to the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center PIF and discussed ongoing tests of the Husky Two Seat Variant being conducted at the Redstone Test Cen-

ter's E3 facility.

Mr. Rodney Young, an Electrical Engineer



Mr. Coogan Preston, PIF Project Lead assists Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison, J8, into a Husky through the roof mounted entry point before he was taken on a test drive by Mr. Carlos DeAnda, Field Service Representative of Bear Defense (not pictured). Photograph by Rodney Young.

with the PIF, stated “We integrated the NIITEK VISOR™ Ground Penetrating Radar on two of the ‘first off the production line’ two-seat Huskys, along with a CROWS-II Remote Weapon Station, integrated SINCGARS, inter-vehicle communication system, and Drivers Vision Enhancement with Back-up Camera.”

After testing is completed War Fighters



Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison discusses the Husky TSV with Mr. Coogan Preston, PIF Project Lead, Mr. Rodney Young, and Mr. Bill Schultz, Project Engineers. Photograph by Merv Brokke

will soon see the Husky TSV in use on the battlefield!

“The vehicle is performing very well in testing here at Redstone and Yuma Proving Ground. We are currently ahead of schedule and plan to field two vehicles to Afghanistan in July for a Field Operational Assessment,” said Mr. Coogan Preston, PIF Project Lead.